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HIGHWAY 67 TO NORTH RIM CLOSES FOR THE SEASON

Grand Canyon, Ariz. – Highway 67 leading to the North Rim of Grand Canyon National Park closed for the season today due to ice and snow accumulation on the roads. Facilities at the North Rim closed on October 15, 2007, however day-use access to the North Rim remained open. Scenic roadways and associated overlooks on the North Rim closed earlier this week, due to icy conditions on those roadways.

Services on the North Rim are expected to be available beginning May 15, 2008 through October 15, 2008. Facilities on the South Rim and inner canyon remain open year-round.

The North Rim campground is still available for winter camping and is accessible via inner canyon trails from the South Rim or by cross-country skiing and snowshoeing – a 45 mile trip from Jacob Lake. To camp at the North Rim during the winter months, visitors will need a backcountry permit, which can be obtained from the Backcountry Information Center located at the South Rim of the Grand Canyon National Park. Permit requests can be faxed year-round to (928) 638-2125. Backcountry permits for the North Rim winter camping are also available at Pipe Spring National Monument in Fredonia, Arizona, or the Bureau of Land Management District Office in St. George, Utah; however, you must obtain your permit in person and several days in advance at these locations.

For additional information on winter camping on the North Rim, please call the Backcountry Information Center at (928) 638-7875, between the hours of 1:00 pm and 5:00 p.m. MST, weekdays, excluding holidays.

For additional information on Grand Canyon National Park please call (928) 638-7888. A copy of the Park's free *Trip Planner* can be obtained by calling this number or by writing, Trip Planner, Grand Canyon National Park, P.O. Box 129, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023. The Trip Planner is also available on the Internet at www.nps.gov/grca.

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